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REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir,

In response to the non-final office action mailed on June 5, 2006, please enter the following amendments to the claims, and reconsider the application in view of these amendments and Applicants' remarks below.

- (1) Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- (2) Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.